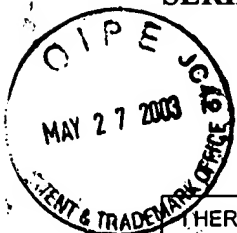


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
WITH CERTIFICATION AND PETITION
(37 CFR 1.56 AND 1.97-1.98)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) and in an effort to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the following information is hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Certification (37 CFR 1.97(d) and (e))

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Disclosure Statement was recently discovered within three months. The reference was cited in an Office Action in a related application (Serial No. 09/765,765) not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. The Office Action was mailed May 5, 2003. A copy of said Office Action is enclosed herewith.

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Petition (37 CFR 1.97(d))

It is believed that all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 (d) have been satisfied. It is therefore respectfully requested that this Disclosure Statement and the enclosed references be considered and made of record.

The undersigned's check for \$130.00 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97(d) and 1.17(i).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees required by 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98 to the undersigned's Deposit Account, No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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